

Letter from the chairs 2024 - 2025

Forest Prep Parents Association

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Forest Preparatory School Parents Association (the PA), we would like to welcome you & your family to Forest.

The PA is run entirely by parents from the school and our aim is to complement the thriving school community by creating

- fun events for our children including Discos, Halloween parties, and Movie Nights;
- family events like our Christmas & Summer fairs, and;
- adult socials such as our "PA Quiz" and the annual May Ball, which is a formal fundraising dinner.

This year will be even more special as we will be celebrating the Schools Centenary so there will be lots of additions and fun surprises.

We use the proceeds from all of these events to fund some of 'extras' for our children, for example ice creams on school trips, educational theatre companies coming in to school and also for particular requests from the school, such as the garden music room, sport equipment and props for the school productions to name just a few.

In addition to raising money for our school, we believe it is important to partner with charities in our community. We have created long lasting relationships with the charities that we have worked with over the years and we love to get the children & parents involved, be that through fundraising for our annual children's "Colour Run" and or through donating our time. We established a new partnership with Little Green Sock (<https://littlegreensock.org/>) in September 2023 and we are enjoying working with the team there to help local families to reduce the financial burden of clothing, by reusing and gifting items to help create a positive change in behaviour towards the circular economy.

We also run a "Nearly New Uniform" Service where we collect uniform that our children have outgrown and we sell it at pop up Uniform Sales throughout the year. This recycling helps the environment and the proceeds from the sale are invested by the PA back into the school.

We kick off every year with our Coffee Morning held on the front lawn on the first day of term, it is a lovely way to kick off the new school year, to meet new faces and old friends... and we are usually blessed with good weather (fingers crossed!).

We have a PA Instagram page ([forestprep_pa](https://www.instagram.com/forestprep_pa)) where you should be able to find us and each class has a PA representative as detailed below:

Nursery - Gemma Newell
Kindergarten - Bex Stark & Jo Dent
Reception - Layla Cotton & Trish Harrison
Yr 1 - Michelle Alderson & Frances Brooker
Yr 2 - Jenny Lawrence & Sammy Whittaker



Yr 3 - Aastha Jain & Beverley Moss
Yr 4 - Helen Davies & Sarah Rowley Jones
Yr 5 - Sarah Trainor, Laura Bacon and Donna Gates
Yr 6- Lisa Kelsall

Please reach out to your Class Rep and be sure to join your class “WhatsApp” group for all the news about our events.

SAVE THE DATE: following the enormous success of our May Ball this year, we are delighted to announce that our Centenary May Ball will take place on Saturday 10th May 2025 at Bowdon Rugby Club. Put it in your diaries now!

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us by email or phone. We look forward to meeting you at the beginning of term.

See you on the front lawn on Tuesday 3rd September 2024!

Kind Regards

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